

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: BAIR HUGGER FORCED AIR MDL No.: 15-md-02666 (JNE/FLN)
WARMING PRODUCT LIABILITY
LITIGATION

This Document Relates To:

PRISCILLA RICHEY,

Civil Action No.: 17-CV-05323-JNE-FLN

Plaintiff,

**DECLARATION OF SAMANTHA RODRIGUEZ IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

I, Samantha Rodriguez, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at Kennedy Hodges, LLP and Counsel for Plaintiff Priscilla Richey in the above-captioned matter.
2. I submit this affidavit in opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Comply with Pretrial Order No. 14 [Dkt. 1317] filed on July 3, 2018.
3. Ms. Richey contacted Kennedy Hodges, LLP in November of 2015 regarding injuries that were allegedly caused by the Bair Hugger patient warming device.
4. Medical records and billing records pertaining to Ms. Richey's treatment were obtained by Kennedy Hodges through its third party medical records retrieval company. Those records indicated that a Bair Hugger device was used during her initial orthopedic surgery.

5. This case was filed on December 1, 2017 to comply with the statute of limitations deadline.
6. Phone calls were placed and letters were sent to Ms. Richey by staff at Kennedy Hodges in an attempt to reach her and obtain information to complete the Plaintiff Fact Sheet. These communication attempts were made between December 2017 and April 2018, prior to and continuing after the original deadline for submission of the Plaintiff Fact Sheet.
7. In April of 2018, Counsel was informed Ms. Richey recently passed away.
8. As we have been unable to obtain the additional information necessary to complete the Plaintiff Fact Sheet for this claim, we have not been able to cure the alleged deficiencies pertaining to the Plaintiff Fact Sheet that has been submitted for this case.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

July 10, 2018

/s/Samantha Rodriguez
Samantha Rodriguez